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Q: WOULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN UPDATE ON RWANDAN REFUGEES?

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THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 2.1 MILLION RWANDAN REFUGEES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES:

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ZAIRE: 1.5 MILLION:

1,000,000 IN NORTH KIVU (GOMA AREA)

500,000 IN SOUTH KIVU

BURUNDI: 210,000

TANZANIA: 460,000

UGANDA: 10,500

ABOUT 40,000 REFUGEES FROM GOMA HAVE CROSSED BACK INTO RWANDA SINCE THE BORDER WAS REOPENED LAST SUNDAY.

INSIDE RWANDA, AN ESTIMATED 90,000 PEOPLE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE AND RETURNED TO THEIR HOME

Q: WHAT IS THE HEALTH SITUATION OF THE REFUGEES IN GOM?

A: THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY DIED FROM CHOLERA,

HUNGER, EXHAUSTION, AND DEHYDRATION, AND CONTINUE TO DO

THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAS SENT A TEAM OF DOCTORS TO THE AREA TO HELP UNHCR WITH THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

THE NEED FOR CLEAN WATER IS STILL VERY CRITICAL. ABOUT 80,000 GALLONS OF FRESH WATER ARE NOW BEING PRODUCED A

MORE WATER PURIFICATION UNITS FROM THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY ARE ON THEIR WAY.

ACCORDING TO UNHCR (UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES), THE MINIMUM WATER REQUIREMENT PER PERSON IN GOMA IS ONE GALLON PER DAY.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING TO HELP?

A: THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED ON JULY 22 AN IMMEDIATE AND MASSIVE INCREASE IN OUR RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN RWANDA TO BE DIRECTED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SINCE THE RWANDA CRISIS BEGAN IN APRIL 1994.

OUR TOTAL CONTRIBUTION NOW STANDS AT OVER DOLLARS 50 MILLION, MAKING THE UNITED STATES THE LARGEST SINGLE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTOR OF AID.

THIS INCLUDES FUNDING FOR UNHCR, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, A

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

AND PROVIDES FOOD COMMODITIES, MEDICAL AND RELIEF SUPPLIES, LOGISTICAL SERVICES AND AIRLIFT SUPPORT

ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE ABOUT A UN APPEALS AND PLEDGING CONFERENCE?

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A: THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) IS COORDINATING THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS.

A UNITED NATIONS INTERAGENCY APPEAL ON RWANDA WAS LAUNCHED IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA LAST FRIDAY.

A PLEDGING CONFERENCE TO SEEK DONOR SUPPORT FOR URGENTLY NEEDED RESOURCES FOR THE RWANDA CRISIS WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA ON AUGUST 2.

ASIDE FROM THE UNHCR TEAM IN GOMA, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC), WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP), AND A NUMBER OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) ARE WORKING TO HELP THE RWANDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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